

High point



By Mike Wysokowski . . . Dedicated to the Class of 1990

Illegal Clubs Give Way To Tragedy

by Myriam Exume

On March 24, 1990, the Happy Land Social Club was a place where young Hispanic immigrants could socialize and dance the night away and have a basically good time. The next day, the only remnants of the Happy Land Social Club were a burnt building and eighty seven people dead.

Some blame the victims for their deaths. Why did they go there in the first place if they knew the club was illegal? Unfortunately, these people could not afford to go to such places as the Underground or the Palladium. They were looking for something enjoyable to do, and the Happy Land Social Club was in the vicinity. Good admission price. Dancing and drinking all night. What more could anyone want?

Still others would place the burden of blame on the city of New York. They know that clubs like the Happy Land operate under various fire and health violations. They even know of many of the clubs. Yet, the proper officials do not enforce the laws that these clubs violate. It takes one man's rage, an ex-girlfriend, a dollar's worth of gasoline, a match, and the resulting death of eighty seven people finally to bring some action.

Let us hope that there will never be another tragedy like the one we faced on March 25. May the officials continue closing down those illegal clubs and give us the satisfaction of knowing that those who died were innocent.

Fur Hurts

by Shirley Collado

"Compassion is the fashion—Don't buy Fur! If you don't buy them, they won't kill them—Don't buy Fur! Make America fur free, England does it—so can we!" Crowds of animal lovers stood in front of the Gindo Fur Company on March 24 yelling in anger to protect our animals, during the Trans Species Unlimited Anti-Fur Rally. There was a ceremony that morning, consisting of songs about our mother earth and her creatures. People were moved as music played and individuals slowly walked to the altar and put the furs they once wore to rest in a coffin, one piled on top of the other. They realized the violence they had supported by wearing a life (or lives) for glamour or status.

The rally centered around the theme of "death." Because of this, everyone cooperated and marched peacefully, dressed in black in a funeral procession down to GINDO FURS. Gindo furs is one of the largest fur companies existing today. They have begun to slash their prices so that almost anyone can wear a fur coat. Because of environmental awareness progressing in our world, many fur companies have closed down, but companies such as GINDO FURS are still concerned about profit.

It takes at least forty minks to make an average-sized mink coat. We purposely breed them in order to look good. One of the speakers at the rally stated, "What man does to creatures soon man does to man." The room was full of fear and silence, because people fear reality. We stood there that afternoon yelling, crying, and waving our posters of animal testing, go vegetarians! and the process of the fur industry, hoping to make people think as they walked by. Some yelled with us, others laughed, but it was strong and peaceful. We spoke for Mother Earth's creatures, because of their importance in our eco system. What would animals say if they could talk?

NHS Plans Talent Show

by Nanette Soto

As students may or may not be aware, Bishop Ford is holding its first talent show performance! What many students may not be aware of is the fact that the money raised will be used for cancer research.

The National Honor Society has been meeting and discussing their ideas about the talent show since the beginning of the school year. With much

preparation and dedication it is finally becoming a reality. N.H.S. wanted the performance to be centered around a good cause.

For several years Bishop Ford has raised money for muscular distrophy through a Dance-a-thon. But that was last year and students change. Proof of this was the number of students who auditioned for the talent show. So many, that some acts are unable to participate in the performance.

Roam . . . If You Want To

by Regine DeJean

March 1, 1961, President John F. Kennedy issued an executive order to create the Peace Corps. Since 1961, more than 122,000 Americans have taken on the challenge of promoting world peace and friendship by helping developing countries meet their basic needs for health care, food, shelter and education.

"Peace Corps, The Toughest Job You'll Ever Love," is the logo for this government agency. Many people think that physical hardship (labor) will be the most difficult part of being a volunteer. In actuality the most common and difficult challenges are adaptations to the slow pace at which changes occur in the developing countries.

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O'Connor's Sermon: A Heavy Issue

by James Abel

In March during a homily at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Cardinal O'Connor addressed the subject of heavy-metal music, calling it the music of the devil. He also stated that heavy-metal might be an influence toward teenage suicide, using a ten-year-old song by Ozzy Osbourne called "Suicide Solution" as an example.

First, it was inappropriate for the Cardinal to single out one particular song, "Suicide Solution," saying that it implies and encourages suicide. Unfortunately, the Cardinal did not listen to the song before making a judgment on it. The song by no means suggests killing yourself. The song is actually about alcoholism and drinking and how doing these things is committing suicide. Osbourne at that time had just started to recover from being an alcoholic and wanted to send an important message to his fans about the consequences of alcoholism. Although Osbourne certainly isn't a saint, he means well in this song and is not trying to encourage suicide. Cardinal O'Connor also means well in what he is saying, but it was inappropriate for him to make a statement without listening to the lyrics.

Secondly, Cardinal O'Connor said that heavy metal music was "satanic." Most heavy metal music does not imply or encourage the worship and work of Satan. However, there are some exceptions. Some heavy metal music may refer to the work of Satan. For example, the cover of one of the heavy metal band Venom's albums says that they "Spit on the God that we worship." This type of nonsense should never be taken seriously. Some heavy metal bands use methods like this to get you to buy the album. Usually, this is nothing more than a publicity stunt. Any kind of music can be enjoyed, as long as you do not take the lyrics seriously and you don't make music a major part of your life.

Most other metal bands not only don't encourage evil, many songs actually deter it. For example, "After Forever," a song by Black Sabbath; ironically, this song was sung by Ozzy Osbourne; the lyrics say stay away from the devil and worship God.

Heavy-metal also talks in its lyrics about important issues in the world. Nuclear Assault's "Trail of Tear" actually deters suicide in its lyrics. Anthrax's "Who Cares Wins" deals with issues of the homeless, Metallica's "Fight Fire With Fire" deals with the issue of a nuclear war, and Ozzy Osbourne's Revelation (Mother Earth) and Testament's "Greenhouse Effect" talk about pollution.

There are certainly many rights and wrongs in heavy metal music, but there are many rights and wrongs in any other kind of music. As long as you listen to the music intelligently and maturely, any kind of music is fine.

Music, especially rock and roll, has always been subject to severe criticism over the years, from the beginning of rock with Elvis Presley and the Beatles to the present day of Ozzy Osbourne and Metallica. But the fact is that rock and roll has been an influential part of America's youth and has always had extreme popularity. The fact is, whether it's good or bad, "You can't kill Rock and Roll."

Dinkins Speaks To Young Journalists



Editors-in-Chief of HIGHPOINT Shirley Collado and Danielle Ramos recently attended a press conference held by Mayor David Dinkins at which the mayor announced plans for a new Youth Advisory Board to begin in September.

Congrats, Class of 1990!



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A Match Made At Ford



Mr. and Mrs. Bianchi: "SO HAPPY TOGETHER . . ."

by Danielle Ramos

They were the first couple to meet and get married as teachers at Bishop Ford, setting a precedent for other teachers such as Mr. and Mrs. Chiusano, Mr. and Mrs. Ozga, and Mr. and Mrs. Vazquez. He's interested in science, while she prefers foreign language. Both graduated from St. John's University. Both will stand out in your mind as being among the most intelligent and articulate people you have ever met. As some may have already guessed, they are Mr. John Bianchi and Mrs. Theresa Bianchi.

Mr. Bianchi has been teaching at Ford for twenty-five years and has served as chairperson of physical sciences for twenty years. Currently, he is teaching earth science, general chemistry, advanced chemistry, and physics. When asked why he wanted to be a teacher, he simply said he just "really always wanted to," although he had thought about psychiatry also.

Mrs. Bianchi has been teaching at Ford for twenty years, presiding as the chairperson of the language department for the last ten. At the moment, she is teaching French, Italian, and Latin, although she can also teach Spanish. Since high school, Mrs. Bianchi said she had many good teachers who greatly impressed her, which is one of the reasons she wanted to be a teacher herself. One of her achievements thus far has been co-translating an Italian play by Pirandello in 1976.

With back packing and camping being great interests of theirs, Mrs. Bianchi says her favorite thing to do is to go camping with her husband and the kids in the back-packing club. Her dream is to take a year to travel around the world. In addition to Mr. Bianchi's full schedule at school, he also owns a store on Avenue L in Brooklyn, which specializes in back-packing and camping equipment, called "Thunderbird Teepee."

When asked how she likes working with her husband every day, with a small twinkle in her eye and a big smile on her face, she replied, "I love it!"

They Wanna Be Sedated

by Bill Condon

Founded in 1974, and coming from the Forest Hills section of Queens, the Ramone's were one of the most important bands in the punk movement, and continue to influence bands today.

The band, which has included Joey Ramone's vocals, Johnny Ramone's guitar, the bass playing of Dee Dee, and later C.J. Ramone, and three different drummers, provide music which is simple, but which is still thought provoking. Joey Ramone's unique vocals, combined with the 3-chord charm of the group, is an interesting formula, which has surprisingly worked.

The Ramone's say that they are influenced by early 70s avant-garde groups, such as Iggy and the Stooges and the New York Dolls, but they have also obviously been influenced by the music of the 1950s (shown by their cover of "Do Ya Wanna Dance?" and their original tune "7-11").

The Ramone's continue to sell out their concerts, because fans enjoy hearing how Joey will twist the band's 2-minute anthems into what sometimes sound like completely different songs.

The band has matured over the years, and hopefully the Ramone's legacy will continue for many years to come.

The Ramone's Record Catalog

- 1976—Ramone's
- 1977—Leave Home
- 1977—Rocket to Russia
- 1979—End of the Century
- 1979—It's Alive (U.K. Only)
- 1981—Pleasant Dreams
- 1983—Subterranean Jungle
- 1984—Too Tough To Die
- 1986—Animal Boy
- 1987—Halfway to Sanity
- 1988—Maria
- 1989—Brain Drain

As we conclude this year's **Highpoint**, the Editors-in-Chief would like to thank our faculty, administration, and readers for your support throughout the year. Through combined efforts, we have been able to produce the first-ever twelve-page issue. Through your advice, insight and encouragement, we have been inspired to put out the latest news, opinions and issues concerning Bishop Ford High School. Once again, thank you.

Shirley Collado,
Danielle Ramos,
Editors-in-Chief.

Drama Club's Goodbye

by Sonia Perez

The Bishop Ford Chalk Circle Players performed their production of **Born Yesterday** on Friday and Saturday, the 11th and 12th of May. The cast included Kate Smith (Billie), Michael Wysokowski (Harry Brock), John Infortunio (Paul Verrall), Sonia Perez (Elizabeth Devery), Neil Young (Eddie), John Piccirillo (Norval Hedges), Debbie Gillick (Anna Hedges), Erika Church (Helen), Lou Guerra (Assistant Manager) and Chris Diaz (Bellhop). The basic premise of the play involves a naive woman who is married to a corrupt mobster.

With the help of Paul Verrall, who educates her, she becomes aware of the fact that there is a better way of life for her. Included in this plot are some excellent performances. With a full cast of seniors in this production, it is the final production that the actors and actresses will work on together.

We, the cast and club members, would like to acknowledge our advisor, Mr. Mingrone, for his guidance. He is a perfectionist and a professional director in every way. Not only has he taught us discipline and commitment, but he has also been a friend, father figure and teacher.

We have made lasting friendships within the drama club that we will never forget. So, as we say good-bye to Ford we take with us the spirit of team workmanship and success. Thank you so much, Mr. Mingrone, for helping us to develop the "spirit of the theatre" that you exude.

Stripes Are In!

by Regine DeJean

"There goes Mr. and Mrs. Plaid." "The Zebras are home." "Checkers anyone?" O.K., so they're not the same color, nor do they share the same racial background. So what! Should people be castigated or looked down upon for simply existing in an interracial relationship?

Interracial relationships (I.R.s) have existed in our world for thousands of years; however, many people are not aware of this fact. A very famous example of the "different" couple is Mark Anthony and Cleopatra. He was a Roman and she an Egyptian: a fair complexion and a darker complexion.

Analyzing the development of I.R.s over the years, one may draw the conclusion that as time has gone by, the stupidity and sheer ignorance of man has increased on this issue. The question to be asked is, "What exactly is the problem that irritates people so?" Is it the color, the difference in racial background, the appearance, or just simply the concept that has people disapproving?

While others may think it the **trendy** thing to do, the individuals involved are the only ones who can truly comprehend the sincerity of their relationship. It is not easy for interracial couples to deal with society's closed-minded ways.

Quite a number of people have appeared on television talk shows, such as Donahue, Oprah Winfrey, and the Salley Jesse Raphael shows. The majority of these individuals have stated the reason why they appeared on these shows was to show that there is nothing wrong with I.R.s. The feedback consisted of both positive and negative responses. "It's all right to be friends or co-workers, but nothing more . . ." said one audience member. Others replied that in I.R.s there are no racial barriers.

Almost everywhere we go today I.R.s exist on the streets, in office buildings, at concerts, and in schools. A few of Ford's students and faculty members were asked to give their opinions on this issue, and here's how they responded:

It's cool. I see nothing wrong with it, if two people like each other, then that's all that matters. **Peter Gaglio, 404.**

I see nothing wrong with it. I used to oppose the situation, but now so many things have changed. It's more acceptable now. I also used to think of the children involved in I.R. marriages. I think if you love a person, what difference does it make what color, or background she/he is.

Mrs. Hardy, Dean's Office

I think it's great! You get a chance to learn about the person's culture and background. **Monica Ramirez, 208**

There is nothing bad about it; you're only getting to know someone who's different from you. We can consider this a means of uniting people of all races. After all, we are the United States of America. **Christine Arbulu, 101**

Yes, I am in favor of interracial relationships. In my opinion, they tend to break down various racial barriers that still exist today. I feel that interracial relationships may one day promote World Peace. **David Seung, 309**

People should learn to work together and live with each other. If they are in love with each other, there shouldn't be any problems. So much in our society has changed. In uniting people of every racial background and color, racial harmony may be obtained. **Mr. Ozga, Social Studies Dept.**

What About Next Year?

by David Polk

The Oscars: Did they 'Do the Right Thing'? Many questions circulate as to the decisions of the voters on the Oscars. For instance, many thought Spike Lee's 'Do the Right Thing' deserved to win the Best Screenplay Award.

Although nominated for two categories, Best Supporting Actor and Best Screenplay, 'Do the Right Thing' and its director left without the satisfaction of feeling reward for their critically acclaimed and ignorantly feared movie. Lee himself accused the academy of racism before the ceremony.

On a lighter note, Denzel Washington won an award for Best Supporting Actor in 'Glory,' in which he played a bitter ex-slave, beating out Danny Aiello, among other actors.

Not surprisingly, 'Born on the

4th of July won two academy awards, including Best Director, Oliver Stone. From the news, it's plain to see that the voters for the Oscars had a very hard time deciding the winners and especially the nominees, but, what about next year?

What movies, present and future included, have a chance at the next Academy Awards? Will unlikely titles such as 'House Party' and 'Teenage Mutant Turtles,' turn up next year? Only movie sales can tell for sure.

Watch out for this summer's newest titles, such as Robo Cop 2, Die Harder (the long-awaited sequel to the box-office hit 'Die Hard'), and 'Mo' Better Blues, a film directed by Spike Lee and starring Denzel Washington, which is expected to be released in July.

It's A Plague, It's A Disease: It's *New Kids!*

by Danielle Ramos

Since the beginning of time, there have been teen idols. They are the people whom adolescents look up to and truly believe that someday, in their dreamy little world, they will marry. While good looks certainly play a big role in determining who is to attain this status, talent is also a major factor. Tom Cruise possesses great acting ability. Elvis had a deep, rhythmic voice. Billy Joel plays piano, writes lyrics, writes music, and sings to perfection. His music not only makes a statement, but it has a good beat. His voice not only makes a sound, it makes a song.

Occasionally, a band will emerge and attain fame for one reason primarily—the supply and demand of teenage girls due to their “cute” looks. These are the girls who buy all their albums, tapes, and videos and have enough posters of them from “Teen Magazine” to plaster the White House.

With primitive, cliched, and redundant lyrics, as well as music, preppy hair cuts, and boyish faces with grins to match, what better exemplifies this than the “New Kids on the Block?” Jordan, Danny, Donnie, Joe, and Jon have burst into the limelight. At any given time of day, you can turn on any commercial radio station and hear one of their songs. It will sound something like this: “The first kiss was a sweet kiss, the second kiss had a twist, the third and fourth kiss I don’t want to miss.” These are the lyrics which send New Kids’ fans into a frenzy.

Ranging in age from 17-21, the question I won’t answer is—How long will they remain as “New Kids”? Was there a contract that had to be signed as a prerequisite stating that they will try to regress as much as possible, or do they just act that way? Even Menudo had a cutoff age of 16.

To give credit where credit is due, it is true that they are young men and do have millions of dollars in their brand name wallets, and they do keep your little sister busy enough so she won’t bother you for at least an hour.

Can we rid the country of this frightening New Kids phenomenon? To the disappointment of many, probably not. We just have to wait until it’s over, much like a bad cold. But don’t lose too much sleep over it: these freak occurrences usually end just as fast as they began. In the meantime, **HANG TOUGH!**

Is God At Ford?

by Richard Garcia

Do students at Ford really believe in God?

Mike Guerra 104:

Yes, I believe in God, but to a certain extent. I disagree with views held by the Catholic Church.

Larry Belcastro 101:

Yes, because my parents do.

Serge Durandisse 203:

I think that most student at Bishop Ford do believe in God. Because their parents do.

“Capri” Rosemary Sanchez 309

Yes, I truly believe in God, not because I’m Catholic, but because I have **faith** and **trust**

in him. It doesn’t take miracles for him to help you or listen to you, but, believe it or not, he’s helped me through a lot. I love God, and science doesn’t explain the “miracles” of life and everything created.

Jennifer Giarratano 404:

Yes, I believe in God, but I do not believe the views of the Catholic Church.

Dawn Gardiner 404:

Yes, I believe student’s at Ford believe in God to a certain extent. Not many students I know ever go to mass.

Yes, I do believe, because how is the earth here? Who has done all of this creation? I love him.

Book Review

by Danielle Ramos

Does every soul exhibit a dichotomy, a split between the moral, the ethical, the religious and the free, the wild, the lustful? And is a balance between the two achievable? If so, is it healthy? Or is it healthy to stick strictly to one side of the spectrum? These are some of the questions presented by Herman Hesse in his powerful novel, **Narcissus and Goldmund**.

Narcissus is a monk who is a supreme example of the holy, virtuous, spiritual side, who seeks and finds enjoyment in learning and books. Basically contended with his life, his main objective is to steer the young Goldmund in the right direction, that is, the one he is destined for, which does not necessarily reflect Narcissus’ beliefs.

Goldmund represents the artistic and sensual side, which is yearning for adventure and excitement, which he thinks he’ll find in physical pleasure and dangerous escapades. Only one component of his search is missing, which Narcissus may inadvertently help Goldmund to achieve.

While Narcissus and Goldmund appear to be opposite in almost all things, strangely a deep friendship develops, which has a lasting impact on both. Goldmund also helps Narcissus learn maybe the greatest gift of all—the ability to love.

Have you ever felt torn between two guys in life? Does will for the flesh and natural beauty outweigh will for the spirit and intellect? Read Herman Hesse’s **Narcissus and Goldmund**—the epitome of a soul as it struggles for a balance.

Highpoint hopes that the Ring Night and the Ring Dance of the Junior class were successful and memorable. Best wishes to the class of 1991 as they become seniors and begin their adult lives.

Platonic Friends: A New Concept

Debbie Gillick

Usually girls are best friends with girls and guys are “close” to guys. What happens when a girl is best friend with a guy? Or vice-versa? To some people this isn’t a big deal, but to others (to whom this article is addressed) the idea is hard to accept.

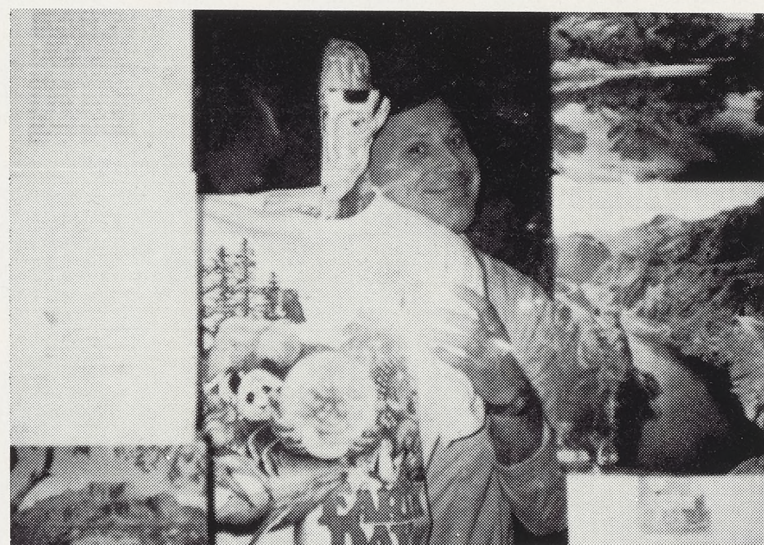
I want to make it perfectly clear that I’m not talking about any ordinary friendship with a guy or girl. This is the person who knows you inside out, who is the first to know good news or bad and whom you love unconditionally. Why is it so hard for some people to believe that a guy and a girl could have a close personal friendship **platonically**?

Perhaps it’s because they are close-minded or jealous. Whatever the reason, there is **no excuse** for relentless stares from friends who **insist** that there is a mutual feeling that you are “hiding from each other.” Others claim that one of you is desperately “hung up” on the other. And then there is always the comment that you are **secretly** a couple!

Don’t these people realize that this behavior puts a strain on the friendship? You are self-conscious about what you say and how you act because you don’t want people to get the “wrong idea.”

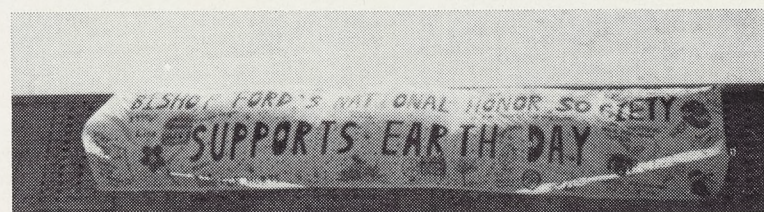
We all have the power to make our own decisions. We can decide to let what others say bother us to the point that they **restrict** our lives, or we can live our lives the way **we want**. Being best friends with a member of the opposite sex is just like any other friendship. It has its ups and downs but it’s definitely worth it.

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For Kevin's sake, be ozone friendly.

It's Not Over Yet!

by Shirley Collado

Why should I be mushy? Ford is history, seniors! But everything else is only beginning. We have been the victims of uniforms, no early dismissal, new religion programs, no caps on graduation, no dance-a-thon, bad food, and on and on. But then, again, we had our first Fine Arts Show, Environmental Awareness Day, Talent Night, Students Against Hunger, Cancun Mexico, normal clothes for fourth quarter, and other great events.

Freshmen Year—We were nervous, the school seemed so BIG, we had too many books, we dreamed about sitting at the round tables in the senior section, we did not know the faculty well, and we feared the evil eye from Sr. Mary or "Hy Son" from Mr. Fernandez.

Sophomore Years—Remember Health? We carried big biology books. We hardly had any free periods. We got the UNIFORMS!

Junior Year—We finally had some electives. By now we had broken the ice and felt comfortable. We struggled through PSATS, SATS, College Fairs and Career Days. The military began recruiting! Ring Night was great and our ring dance successful, thanks to our student council and activities committee. Finally, we began to absorb the reality of becoming seniors and leaving Ford.

Senior Year—More electives! We had no Hawaiian Night or sixties dance! Our brains sizzled through college applications, bothering teachers for recommendations, attending open houses, and the most horrible part of all, waiting for the BIG answer from colleges and financial aid. Our Christmas party was a blast! Hat and Tie Day was funny! The Lou-Lou Fan Club went to Cancun, Mexico! What next?

We all remember different things (good and bad) when we look back at our years at Ford. Where will we be years from now? Some of us plan to work after Ford, others are going to college, some are joining the armed forces, and many of us have other plans. Grab all the opportunities that come to you, have an open mind, be confident, and do not forget the class of 1990.

On the hot morning of June 2nd, we will sit in the auditorium as a class for the last time. When we are sitting there listening to speeches, be sure to look around at all the different faces, personalities, colors, advisors, influences, and enforcers. We may have spent our last four years with a future president, a Nobel Prize winner, a great artist, another Trump, an inventor, the doctor who cures cancer or AIDS, or just a great mom or dad. When we leave the auditorium to take pictures, put on shorts, yell, cry or just party, let us remember one thing—The Party Isn't Over Yet!

I would like to thank all the faculty members and administrators who have touched my life and made me the confident person I am. Ford has given me opportunities, such as attending Yale University, that I will treasure all my life. Special thanks to our **HIGHPOINT** advisor, Mr. George McKay, whom I admire a great deal for his guidance, criticism, strength, and most of all, his patience. I will carry my experiences as **HIGHPOINT'S** Editor-in-Chief through college, reaching my goals as a writer.

Have a great Summer, EVERYONE!

Have a great Life!

Congrats, Class of 1990!

Congratulations to the Chalk Circle Players for their production of "Born Yesterday" on May 11th and 12th. **Highpoint** would like to thank Mr. Mingrone and the cast for their dedication throughout the year, which made each play a great success.

It's The Real Thing

by William Condon

On Saturday, March 17, L'Amour of Brooklyn was filled with the unique and powerful sounds of Faith No More and Soundgarden.

San Francisco's Faith No More started the show, while an eerie haze fell over the stage. They performed songs from all three of their albums, but mostly featured their latest LP, "The Real Thing." The set ranged from hard driving speed metal to catchy funk co-rap. Midway through the show, the group slowed the tempo a bit and played the Nestle's theme, while vocalist Mike Patton threw chocolate bars to the crowd and drolled Nestle's finest on himself.

Faith No More concluded

their set with a resounding rendition of the Black Sabbath classic "War Pigs," while various members of the group on stage dove into the crowd.

Seattle's Soundgarden provided a more steady, crunching beat, with vocalist Chris Cornell's shrieking voice providing the vocals, which were somewhat lost in Soundgarden's muddy sound.

Soundgarden showed that they also had a weakness for other bands' material, covering a classic from the Mid-80s cut band, Spiral Tap.

Soundgarden concluded their show with a wall of feedback, which members of Voivoc helped them create with an appearance on the L'Amour stage.

On April 22nd, we celebrated Earth Day. On April 26, 1990, Bishop Ford had its own Environmental Awareness Day. We showed our concern. The National Honor Society made a banner, which was hung outside the school, endorsing this important theme. Students dressed in earth-tone colors, and Navin Brothers served food on paper plates, rather than on non-recyclable styrofoam. But don't just show your concern on Earth Day. Take care of the environment and let it enhance your summer. Be environmentally aware EVERYDAY!

Notebook Or Hardhat?

by Richard Garcia

Today's classes have no class. Everyday you see them; at least one of them is in each class.

Flying objects are an everyday diversion. Things like pens, pencils, and papers are used as ammunition for destruction; even pennies are occasionally pelted around the classrooms. Sometimes surprise tests are given, but student are already prepared with the answers from friends. If someone doesn't use the answers and actually studies he's considered a nerd, brain, or brownie; this shouldn't be.

While classes are totally distraught with havoc, teachers are continuing the lessons. Once in a while a dean, either Mr. Fernandez or Sr. Mary, will come to visit the circus, preaching words of control about our conduct. When complaints are made, nothing effective really seems to come about. The only way to help dissolve these problems that I've brought to light is for teachers to start taking some type of action, whether it's to write up or even to throw people out of class.

I have just one last thing to say and it is, if kids want to learn, they will. If they don't, then the future looks pretty bleak.

The Queens Of Pop II: A Different Perspective

by Sandra Paul

An article which appeared in last month's paper called **Janet & Paula, Queens of Pop** disturbed and motivated me to write. The article appeared to be in favor of Janet Jackson, to give a clear picture of the situation, and to give Paula the acknowledgment she rightly deserves.

First, how could Janet have stolen her moves from Paula when they have two individualistic styles of dance? If you did not know, which you obviously didn't, Reginald Deas, Paula choreographed Janet's most famous videos, including the one video, "Nasty," that got Janet's career exploding. If you take an even closer look, you will recognize that Paula is one of the dancers in the video. Therefore, Paula must be doing something right, since her moves are helping Janet obtain all that fame and money.

Even though Paula is a great dancer, you should give her more credit for her music. She sure didn't make it to number one only by dancing her way up the charts.

Where did Paula's race or ethnic background come into this? Since you seem to love Janet so much, you should pay more attention to her quote before her rhythm nation video. It states, "In complete darkness we are all the same; it is only wisdom and knowledge that separate us. Don't let your eyes deceive you." Therefore, you should take her advice.

What "stuff" does Paula do for the Tracey Ulman Show? Should we turn this into a guessing game now, or should you learn how to write a "real" article without bias?

As to your "feud" between Janet and Paula, you must have been the only one who heard about it; therefore, it must have been fabricated.

Since you think that Janet's waring of black is related to her "culture," what does a white person wearing black symbolize? Who is to say that Lisa Bonet is the lost one and not you? Since you seem to be the only one who notices how "aware" Janet is of her culture, let me know one day when Paula becomes "aware" of her culture and performs her first facial surgery and reconstructs her natural face. As for Paula, you must have your own personalized issue of Playboy of her, because she's always dressed decently. If we talk about "Hooker for Hire," you're probably getting her confused with Madonna or Samantha Fox. If you're referring to her "Cold Hearted Snake" video, it was inspired by and a tribute to that great and famous choreographer, Bob Fosse.

In this article, Reginald Deas tells us not to be judgmental regarding Paula and Janet. On the other hand, I found his article most judgmental and totally biased in his own views. It would be unfair to compare these two talents, because they each possess their individual and rightful place in the music industry.

A Farewell From Mike

by Michael Wysokowski

My time at Ford has been most unusual. There were times when I could have really hated it so much and wished I never saw the building. But then there were other times when I looked around at all the friends I have made (fellow students and teachers) and wondered if I could have ever gotten along without them.

Ford was my instrument to my friends. It was through the track team that I met most of my friends. I have to thank Mr. Louis Vasquez, who is the best coach in New York City. He taught me a lot about a great sport and about growing up. Thanks, coach, for putting up with all my belly aching.

There's also Mr. Paul Gaglio, who is the best Drivers Ed. teacher. Thanks, Trojan, for the best summer. Meet you on the road.

THANKS . . .

To Dr. Anthony Defina who will always leave a smile on my face anytime I think of hormones, tissues, bone marrow structures, etc. I loved you on European vacation.

To Mr. Sam Sued, you manic-depressive you! Enough snib?

To Mrs. Dolores Reekie, thanks for all the debates in class. But more, thanks for caring.

To Mrs. Marie Busiello, who taught me how to make a line into a work of art.

To Sister Colleen for making college redtape easier to cut through.

To Mr. John Faber: Don't ever get caught outside past sunrise.

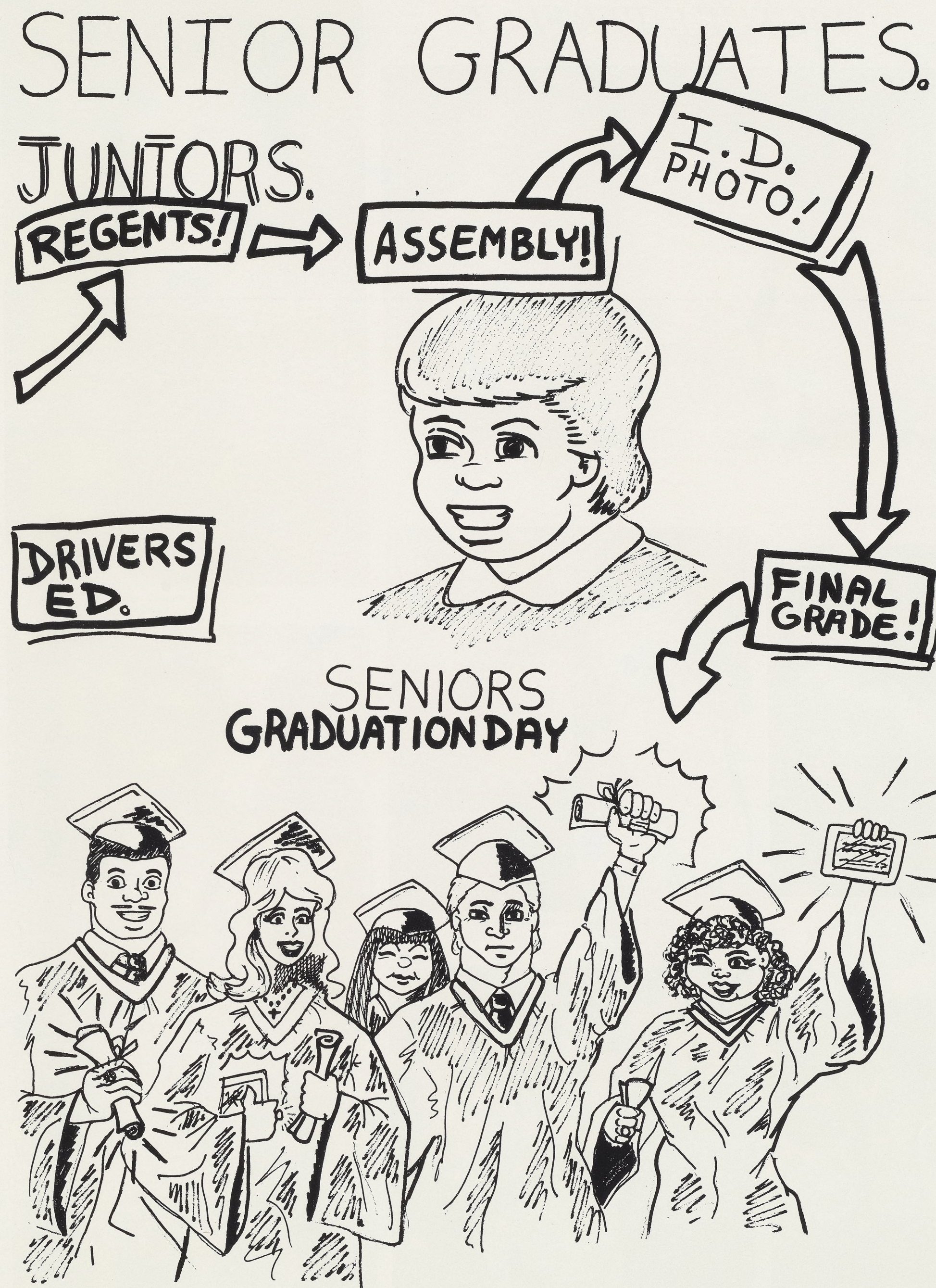
To Mr. Ralph Villa . . . I don't like women much either. To Mr. Paul Anderson, I owe my first tax-deferred Bond to you.

To Brother Damian. Some day you will catch those smurfs. To Brother Luke, thanks for giving a mix-up girl a school to attend when no one else would accept her.

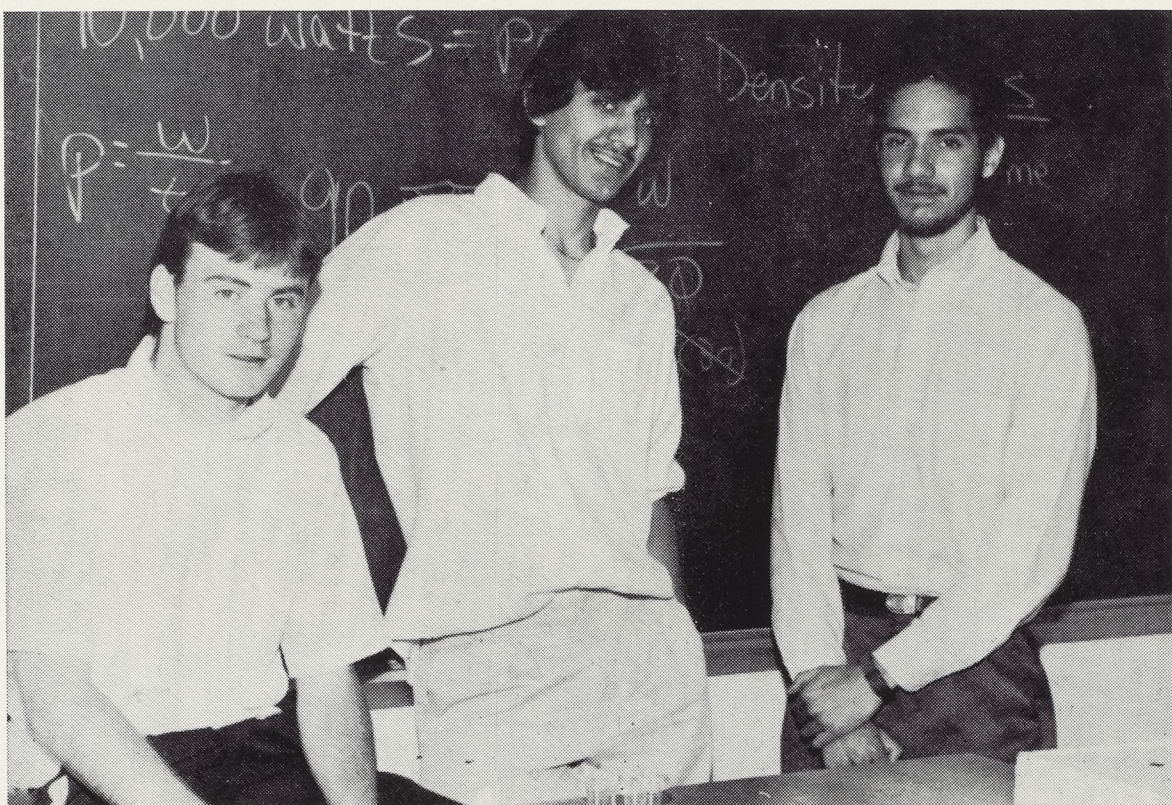
And, of course, to Mr. Joseph Mingrone who "Got to Know Me." And gave me two great parts in two great plays. And taught me how to "scheeve" a little.

I wish I could name all of the teachers and what they have done for me. But I don't think I would have enough room in this paper. But I'm sure you know who you are.

Thank you all for everything, for giving me knowledge and wisdom, but most of all, for watching out for me and helping me grow-up.



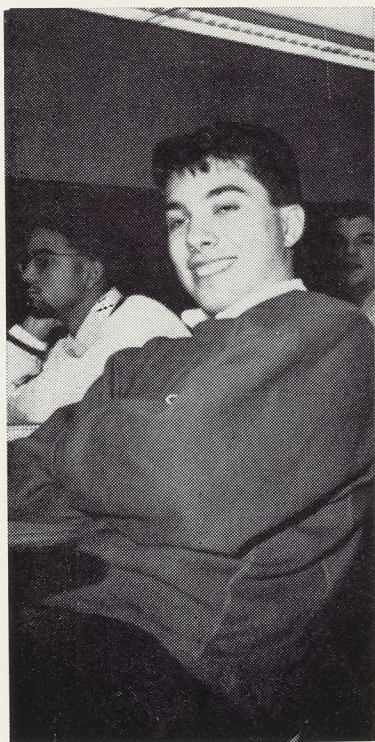
PICTURE PERFECT



"Come on, guys! Smile and act like you're smart."



"Wherefore art thou Romeo?"



"Joe Cool"



"Do we look like Republicans to you?"



"We're all in it together."



"Who says we're camera shy?"



"Cosmopolitan! Vogue! Eat your heart out!"



"Smile. Get to know me!"



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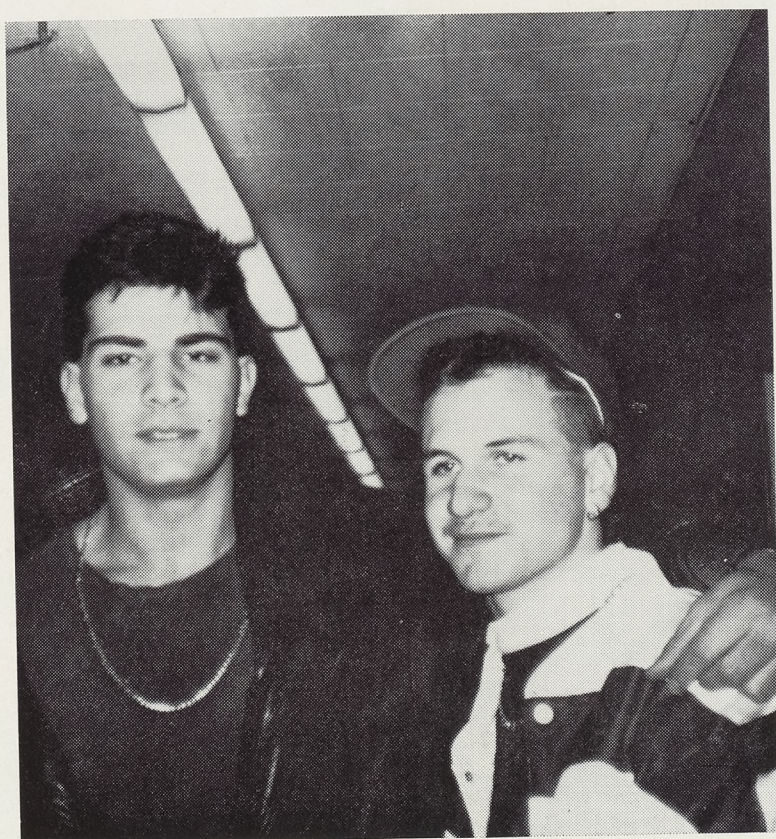
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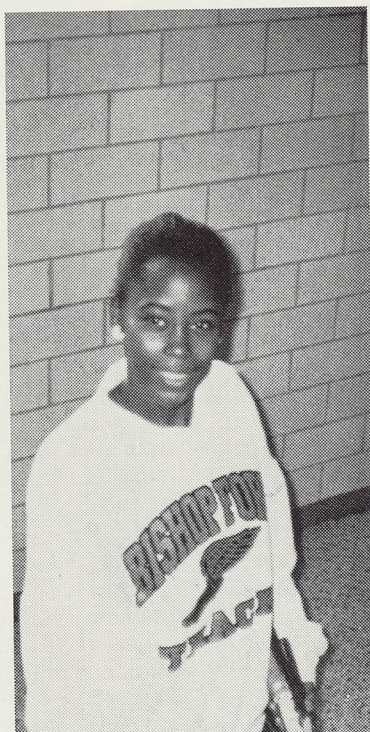
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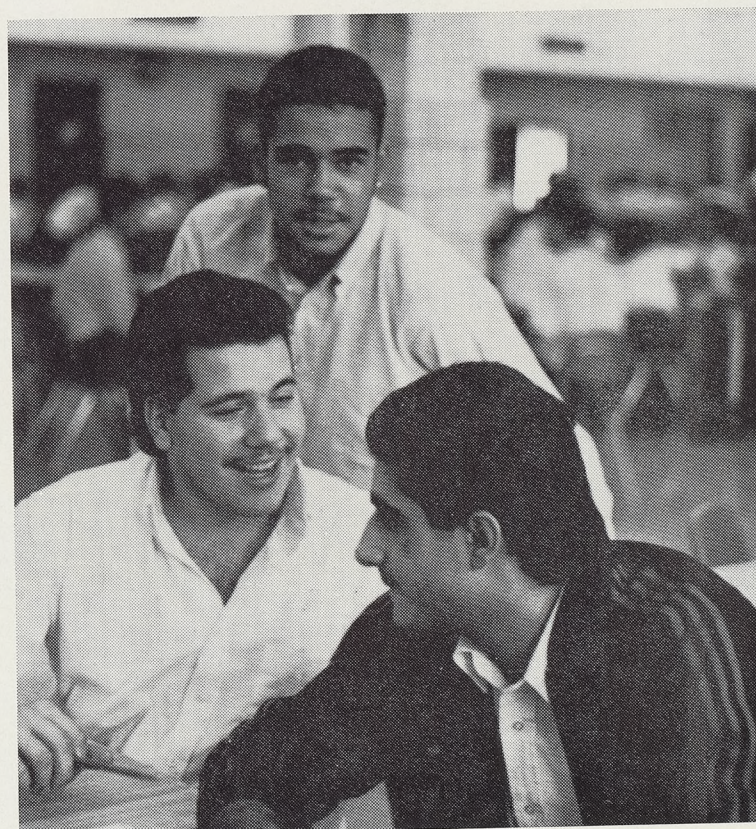
A typical day at Ford.



No, we're not the New Kids on the Block!



I'm not as innocent as I look.



I'm always being ignored!

Track: Captains Of All Seasons

by Sabine Paul

The track team has always placed well in the competitive field. During indoor season the Bishop Ford team had a strong season. The girls 4 x 200, consisting of Denise Francis, Myriam Exume, Jennifer Miller, and Nikki Inglis, made it to States and finished fourth in the State of New York. Sophomore Scott McLead and Co-captain David Seung also made it to States. Nikki Inglis and Denise Francis attended. Their outdoor season also looks very promising.

We are going to take a look at the captains who lead this team. Without coach Vasquez, David feels that he may not have been able to succeed as well as he did. Finally, David wishes to thank his mother; without her encouragement and support, he would not be where he is now. David says, "I love you, Mom."

David wants to leave us with this special thought:

"No matter what happens in life, don't give up, because there's always hope. When things get tough, don't give up."

David Seung is different compared to the other captains who were mentioned in this article. The difference between this captain and the others is that David is a junior. He still has one year at Ford to complete.

David's three years have been educational, academically as well as socially. He has been able to raise his grades and make honors. He also learned a lot about cooperation, teamwork, and a great deal about friendship. Dave hopes to graduate in the top percentile of his class.

Right now, David's future is not too clear regarding college. But, he does plan to run in college. David also hopes to pursue a career in medicine. He also hopes that the Bishop Ford varsity track team will win for the first time.

David wants to thank those who have helped him: Coach Louis Vasquez, for supporting him on the track and pushing him academically; Coach Ray Nash, for making his years at Ford enjoyable; finally, his teammates, both guys and girls, for being there for him.

Myrian Exume (co-captain)

Myrian's four years at Ford have been a lot of fun and hard work. She has enjoyed them because she has made many friends. Major accomplishments have been making the principal's list all four years and being on the honor roll.

Besides her grades, studying, and track, Myrian has other interests. She is a member of the newspaper staff, she is in the National Honor Society, she is a senior leader, and she spends her free time tutoring.

Myrian has a great future to look forward to. Myrian plans to attend either MIT or Cornell. Her major will be engineering. She will not run competitively in college, but will run to stay in shape.

Myrian wants to thank those who are a part of her life: Mrs. Vasquez for being a good coach, as well as a great friend; her father for encouraging Myrian to run and for driving her to school every morning; her mother for being supportive with the running and her studies. Also, the other two of the three stooges for keeping her in that dizzy state of mind (you know who you are!).

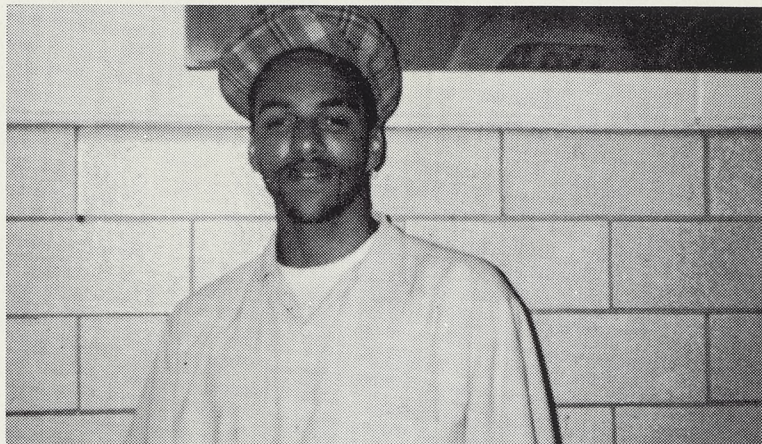


Track Captains: David, Myrian and David.

"People judge you by your actions, not by your intentions. You may have a heart of Gold, but so has a hard boiled egg."

Student Spotlight: Marcus Carrasquillo

by Sabine Paul



Marcus flaunting his hat.

In this article, we take a personal look at a well known senior, Marcus Carrasquillo. Marcus was voted Best Sense of Humor and Most Friendly by the graduating class of 1990. This article takes a more personal look at someone who likes to make the people around him laugh and enjoy themselves.

Marcus attributes his constant sense of humor to his childhood. As a child, he wasn't able to laugh and joke at home because of his strict father. But, he laughed and joked in school to make up for the lack of humor at home. This also enabled Marcus to be friendly to everyone.

Marcus feels that he is living life well, except for a few disappointments. Marcus feels that a major disappointment he has faced is friendships. He says, "A person can never be sure who his real friends are, because many people are two-faced." Marcus also had to deal with his girlfriend, Erica Wells, moving away to Maryland. He remains loyal to her, because his belief is, "When you have somebody good, you don't risk it for anything, regardless of how far away she is."

These disappointments, aside, Marcus is dedicated to many important things that surround his life. Marcus is dedicated to his many friends, because friendship is important. Two of his closest friends, George Laveque and Bernard Ledan, can vouch for that! Marcus is also dedicated to his job and running track.

After a great freshman year and three fair years at Ford, Marcus is looking forward to a promising future. He plans to attend the New York Institute of Technology and major in communications. He also hopes to pursue a career in the music field with his communication skills. Marcus also plans to run track in college.

Marcus wishes to thank people who have had a profound effect during his four years at Ford: Coach Louis Vasquez, for making his last year and a half fun, even though it was a lot of hard work (he wishes he had been on track for his four years at Ford); Mr. Fernandez, for sophomore year (you'll understand). Marcus also wishes to thank his boxing trainer, Eugene Black, for showing him a lot about what life is really about. Finally, Marcus wishes to thank his friends, for their constant support no matter how silly he acted. They were always there for him.

Marcus leaves us with this personal statement about himself:

"I like myself, despite what people say about me. People may talk about me behind my back, but I still like myself for who I am. I don't care how people judge me."

FAMILY MATTERS. by Gerald Garcia Jr.



NCAA Tourney: Dedication To #44

by Myrian Exume

This year's NCAA Tournament will be remembered for the buzzer-beater games, the determination of the Loyola Marymount team, and the dominance of UNLV.

Throughout the tournament some teams advanced by a last second shot, while others were eliminated by a buzzer-beater. The University of Connecticut knows what each situation feels like. With one second left, State George caught a pass by his teammate, shot the ball, and fortunately it went in. UConn won. However, in their next game they were to be victims of this same kind of bad luck. Beaten by Duke, UConn missed the opportunity to ride the road to the Final Four.

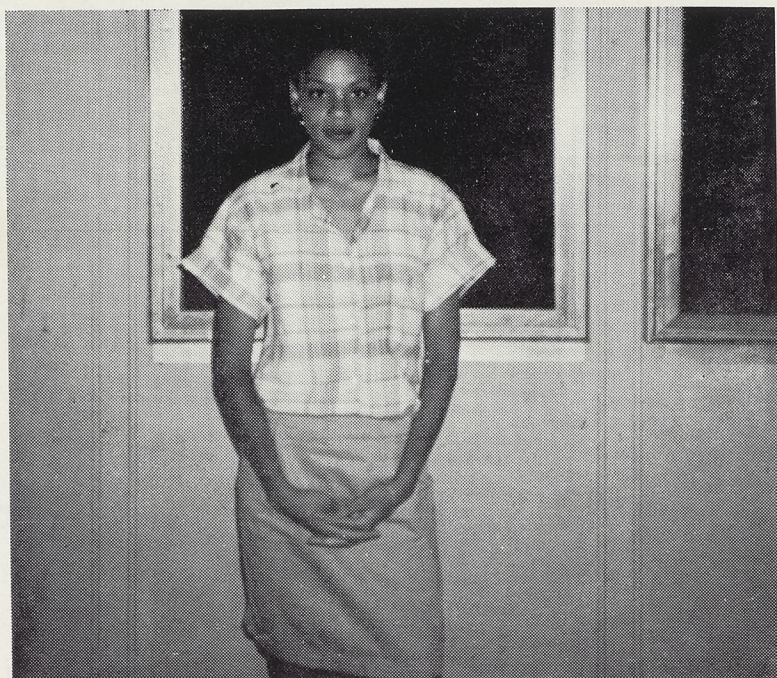
If there ever was a team who touched our hearts during the tournament, it was Loyola Marymount University, LMU. Only a couple of weeks prior to the beginning of the tournament, the LMU players and the whole world watched stunned, to see a seemingly healthy, young, basketball player die before their eyes. His name was Hank Gathers, number 44. Gathers was a senior and had a promising career in professional basketball, almost certain to be a top pick in the NBA draft. In memory of Gathers, the players on the LMU team wore the number 44. Bo Kimble, a teammate and roommate of Gathers, said he would shoot his first free throw left-handed, despite the fact he was right-handed, in memory of Gathers. What a great moment it was when Kimble made the shot! Hank Gathers will never be forgotten!

The Duke Blue Devils and the UNLV Runnin' Rebels squared off for the NCAA championship trophy, each team looking to win it for the first time. Many thought it would be a close game. UNLV proved them wrong. The Runnin' Rebels romped the Blue Devils by 30 points, beating them 103-73. The Rebels scored the most points ever in a championship game and also won by the biggest margin ever. Anderson Hunt, who scored 29 points, was voted the most valuable player.

Throughout the tournament, critics speculated whether UNLV could win it all, since various problems on the team involving their coach, Jerry Tarkanian, were making headlines. At press time, the NCAA committee was still attempting to ban Tarkanian from coaching basketball. But, there is no question that Jerry Tarkanian is one of the best coaches in the game of college basketball. Indeed, the way the Rebels played that night shows why they are and should be the number one team in college basketball.

Student Spotlight:

Nikki Inglis



Nikki Inglis

by Sabine Paul

In this article, we pay tribute to an athlete who deserves it. Onyka, better known as Nikkie, has proven to be an exceptional athlete and student. Her ability to achieve and work hard assure her a promising future.

Nikki has enjoyed her four years at Ford. She has learned a lot academically, as well as athletically. She has made a lot of friends and enemies, but she doesn't worry about those who do not get along with her. Whenever she needed help with things, both her teachers and friends were there to help and encourage her.

Nikki has proven to be an outstanding athlete. The co-captain of the track team says that she was not serious about track until the summer before she entered Ford. Since then it has been a major part of her life, and she is really dedicated to it. During indoor season, Nikki's hard work and dedication paid off.

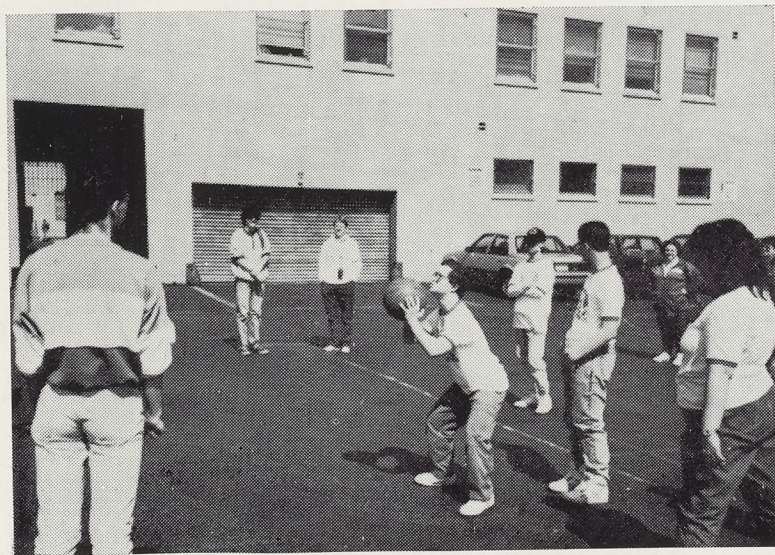
Nikki is the New York City champion for the 55 meter hurdles, with the time of 8.5 seconds. This gave her the chance to compete in the New York State championship. Nikki also placed second in

the 55 meter dash, with a time of 7.4 seconds in the City championship. Nikki was also part of the 4 x 200 team that placed first in the City championship and placed fourth in the New York State championship. Also, she was named the New York City M.V.P. of 1990 City champs.

Nikki's skills will help her in her future. Nikkie has always been able to make the honor roll and keep her grades up. Her grades and track skills will enable her to attend a good college. She will probably attend Syracuse University, hopefully on a track scholarship. She plans to major in accounting. Nikki hopes to run after college if the chance is given to her.

Nikki wants to thank those who have helped her most and encouraged her beyond what anyone could imagine: Mr. and Mrs. Vasquez for putting up with her all these years, for pushing her to work hard because of the skills they knew she had; also, those "friends" who stuck with her through some trying times and continuously supported her.

Congratulations, Nikki, and continued success in the future.



Everyone can shoot for a goal.

A Look At The NBA Playoffs

by James Abel

As we enter the home stretch of the NBA season, it's time to start to think about the playoffs again. Last year's NBA champions, the Detroit Pistons, are again on top in the Eastern Conference and have already clinched a playoff berth. Also, the L.A. Lakers, last year's runner-up and champions 2 out of the last 3 years, again stand strong with the best record in the NBA.

As the season ends, it looks as though Detroit will again return to the NBA finals for a third straight time. They have the best team in the East, the most experience, and one of the best bench defenses in the NBA. Don't expect Detroit to get through easily though; Chicago and Philadelphia will present a problem for the Pistons.

Over in the West where the Lakers have gone to the finals the last six out of seven years, they will this time face strong competition in the playoffs. Watch out for Utah and Karl Malone to give the Lakers a challenge. Portland, a team which never seems to get any respect, will also present a problem to the Lakers with superstar Clyde Drexler. But, the prediction in the West is that Phoenix, a young, strong and up-and-coming team, will pull an upset of the Lakers sometime in the playoffs and knock them out. Phoenix has a young superstar guard, Kevin Johnson, whom many experts place only second to Michael Jordan.

This means that Detroit will meet Phoenix in the finals. Prediction: Detroit in five games. Detroit has the experience, and most importantly, a superb bench, which is very important late in the season.

Lending A Helping Hand

by Regine DeJean

Bishop Ford's sixth annual Special Olympics was held on April 19, 1990. This school event was started back in 1984 by Brother Dameian, and has progressed over the years to become an overwhelming success.

This Special Olympics gives children from other schools the opportunity simply to have fun, and maybe even to show off their physical skills among their peers. Our students also engage in this event. The volunteer students dedicate themselves to one child, and must accompany him in every gym event. Much self-satisfaction and fun is achieved.

We look forward to next year's Special Olympics. Lending a helping hand and placing a smile on a child's face is a wonderful gesture.

The Boys Of Summer

by Sabine Paul

The baseball team is off to a promising season after two previous great seasons. Last spring they placed second in their division. This year's team will have a good chance at placing well in their division. The division they are part of consists of such excellent teams as Christ the King, Molloy, Xaverian, and St. Francis Prep.

We are going to take a personal look at the three captains that lead this promising team.

Paul Cerine (tri-captain)

Paul found his four years at Ford were fun. He had a good time and learned a lot throughout those years. Paul says he made a lot of friends because he played both baseball and basketball.

Besides sports, Paul has other important interests. He does a lot of volunteer work with special education children. He attends a summer camp for special education and also runs the special gym every E-day with Brother Damian.

Paul has a bright future. As of right now, he's undecided as to what college to attend but will probably attend Brooklyn College. Paul plans to major in special education, and if he has the chance, he will continue to play sports.

Paul has a few people to thank: Mr. Fernandez, since from the first day he has helped Paul out and has been there for him. Paul also thanks his parents for putting up with the late hours and the sports.

Paul says, "Even though you play sports, don't forget your studies. Without grades you can't get into college. It makes it easier."

Joseph Garofalo—(tri-captain)

Joseph has attended Bishop Ford for only three years, but has proven that he made the right choice.

Joe's past will help him with his future. He has been playing baseball since he was six years of age. Joe plans to attend college, but he is undecided as to which college he will be attending. His major in college will be business management. Joe plans to play basketball in college, and these skills may help him get a scholarship.

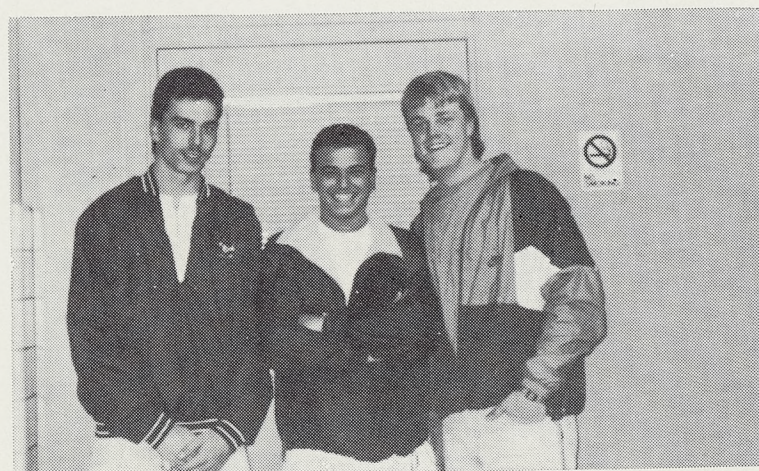
Joseph wishes to express his gratitude to the people who have influenced him the most: Anthony, his brother, for telling him to come to Bishop Ford; Mr. Fernandez, for being a descent coach, giving his support, and for being a "second father."

John Halama—(tri-captain)

John enjoyed his four years at Ford. He says that the teachers were nice and the people friendly.

John feels that his baseball skills will help his future. He plans to attend St. John's University, hopefully on a scholarship. His major in college will be business management. John also plans to play baseball after college.

John also expresses his gratitude to so many important people in his life: Mr. Fernandez, for being a "second father to him." He also thanks the "older guys of the team" for teaching him a lot. John is dedicated to his family because of their continuous support.



Baseball Captains: John, Joe and Paul.

Dedicated to Lou-Lou, Raybo, Craz and Oogles:

One is none
Two is half of one
Three is one
Have another!

Remember Cancun.

Since the beginning of time, each generation has fought nature. Now, in the life span of a single generation, we must turn 180 degrees and become the protector of nature.

SUMMER'S LEASE HATH ALL TOO SHORT A DATE.

Senior Achievements

by John Infortunio

Colleges that Bishop Ford Seniors applied to in 1990:

Brooklyn College
John Jay College of Criminal Justice
Hunter College
Baruch College
College of Staten Island
City College
N.Y. Technical College
La Guardia Community College
Borough of Manhattan College
Kingsborough Community College
Oneonta
Farmingdale
FIT
SUNY Maritime
University of Binghamton
Genesee College
Delhi College
Albany College
Stonybrook College
Sullivan County Community College
Buffalo University
Oswego College
Cobleskill College
New Paltz College
Pace College
Deltona
Catholic University
New York University
Temple
Wagner College
School of Visual Arts
Berkeley College
Duquesne University
College of Aeronautics
Fairfield University
St. Francis College
NYIT
St. John's University
Norwich University
Iona College
College of Misericordia
St. Joseph's
N.Y. School of Interior Design
University of Miami
Vanderbilt University
Polytechnic University
Franklin Pierce College
Northwood Institute
Manhattan College
Johnson and Wales College
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Pratt Institute
St. John Fisher College
Siena College
Syracuse University
St. Thomas
Hampton
Dominican
Marist
Northeastern
Barnard
Fordham University
Paul Smith
LIU at Brooklyn
LIU at Southampton
LIU at C.W. Post
St. Joseph's in Philadelphia
Boston University
Villanova University
Adelphi College
Mt. St. Mary's
Penn State University
University of Maryland
University of Connecticut
Slippery Rock University
Princeton University
Towson
University of Massachusetts
University of Central Florida
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

The editors of **Highpoint** would like to extend their congratulations to the Bishop Ford seniors of 1990.

I would like to thank Sister Colleen and Mr. McAteer for all their help with this article.

What lies behind us and what lies before us are
tiny matters compared to what lies within us.

Goodbye And Thank You

At Bishop Ford, many people do things that are not recognized and soon forgotten. In four years, many people can touch a person's life. It is hard to remember every person who helped you or gave you something while you were here. This is just a **small** thank you list:

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Sister Mary
Mister Fernandez
Brother Jeremy
Mr. Campanaro
Brother Alfred
Sister Anne
Mr. Marmaud
Brother Arnold
Brother Alexander
Mr. Tom
Father Verrengio
Brother Damian
Miss Raffaniello
Sister Colleen
Mrs. Leggio
Mr. McAteer
Mr. Slow
Mr. Braganza
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Miss Herman
Mr. McCarthy
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Mr. Quattrocchi
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Mr. Radigan
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Mrs. Church
Mis Trani
Mrs. Lynch
Mr. Kozik
Mr. Vazquez
Mr. Gaglio
Bro. Tom
Mr. Fusso
Mr. Ivanazzi
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Mrs. Musicaro
Mr. Bianchi
Mr. Armenia
Mrs. Cavanagh
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COLLEGE DOESN'T
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JOE FROG!
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5-90

WHY I DON'T MIND
SACRIFICING EIGHTEEN
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A HAPPY PARADE OF
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THAT'S THE TRUTH!
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Have a great and safe
summer!